

Rides, after the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) had suspended their efforts. One bus had been set on fire in Anniston, Alabama. Freedom Riders had been surrounded by an angry mob in a church in Montgomery, Alabama. Attorney General Robert Kennedy had called in the National Guard to protect riders traveling from Montgomery to Jackson, Mississippi. CORE suspended its efforts to test the desegregation of interstate transportation. In spite of these dangers, Vivian joined a new attempt to renew the rides on a bus trip from Nashville to Jackson. Martin Luther King Jr. asked Vivian to join the executive staff of his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He worked with SCLC campaigns in St. Augustine, Florida; Danville, Virginia; and Chicago, Illinois. Vivian was in Birmingham in 1963, participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project in 1964 and came to Selma in 1965.

In Selma, he worked with the voter registration efforts that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee already had in progress, and would serve as a lead protestor, persistently confronting Sheriff Jim Clark on the steps of the Selma, Alabama courthouse at the head of a band of non-violent marchers seeking to register and vote. He was arrested and jailed in Selma several times.

In February 1965, Vivian was a speaker at a non-violent, peaceful night-time rally meant to support protestors jailed in Marion, Alabama. The marchers were ambushed by a violent posse who killed military veteran and Marion native Jimmie Lee Jackson. Efforts to commemorate Jackson's death ultimately became the historic Selma to Montgomery march which culminated in the passage of the Voting Rights Act. The act opened up more free and fair access to the ballot box for all African Americans, as well as other Americans of color, and it resulted in the election of literally thousands of black elected officials in subsequent years, including the first African American president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Following the death of Martin Luther King Jr., Vivian formed an organization dedicated to the training of African American youth called Vision, which ultimately became known as Upward Bound, an educational program that provides college students with scholarships. After working with SCLC, Vivian organized campaigns against racism and advocated for racial justice. He has worked to found other organizations, including the Black Action Strategies and Information Center, the Center for Democratic Renewal, and the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute, all based in Atlanta. In 2008 he led the Yes We Care campaign, which contributed over \$500,000 to Morris Brown University, a fiscally challenged historically black university in the city. He is the author of *Black Power and the American Myth*.

The Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian has served as an inspiring leader, an electrifying minister, and a force for good in our society. As a participant in the modern-day Civil Rights Movement, he successfully implemented the discipline and philosophy of non-violent social resistance that helped to transform America forever. For this role, C.T. Vivian must be seen as one of the authors of a new chapter in American history that hastens the advent of a society based on simple justice that values the dignity and the worth of every human being, or the Beloved Community. For his eloquence, insight, vision,

persistence, determination and courage, we commemorate the service of C.T. Vivian on his 85th birthday.

HONORING PASTOR BRENDA TIMBERLAKE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Pastor Brenda Timberlake's deep commitment to improving the lives of others and the community. On September 18, 2009, friends, family and well wishers will gather in Cary, North Carolina to celebrate Pastor Timberlake's 60th birthday and her 30 years of ministry.

Over the years, Pastor Timberlake and her late husband, Bishop Mack Timberlake, engaged in a great number of important efforts and projects that continue to help and serve the community.

Among the many successful endeavors undertaken by Pastor Timberlake include: establishing the Christian Faith Center Academy to provide Christian-based education to students from kindergarten through 12th grade; constructing the Royal Pavilions of Creedmor, a 28-unit housing complex for the elderly and disadvantaged; collaborating with the North Carolina Department of Public Health to reduce infant death rates and provide assistance to single mothers through the Family First of Granville County program; and establishing the Raven's Nest Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, these are but a few of Pastor Timberlake's many efforts. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing her accomplishments as her friends and family celebrate her birthday, ministry and achievements.

Pastor Timberlake continues to serve as exceptional community leader. Please join me in expressing gratitude for her service to the community and in wishing her continued success as she celebrates her birthday.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND LOVED ONES OF BORDER PATROL AGENT ROBERT ROSAS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today in support of H. Res. 681, a resolution which expresses condolences to the family and loved ones of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas. On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was killed by gunfire while protecting our nation's southwest border.

Agent Rosas began his law enforcement career in 2001 as a reserve officer in El Centro, California. His desire to one day become a member of the U.S. Border Patrol was fulfilled on May 22, 2006 when he officially joined the Border Patrol family. Agent Rosas was deeply admired and respected by his colleagues for his generosity and service to others and for his dedication to his family. He fully embraced

the Border Patrol's mission of securing our nation's borders, and he served with honor and distinction.

Agent Rosas' death serves as a reminder of the many risks that confront Border Patrol agents each day and why we owe them our sincere gratitude for their bravery, service and sacrifice. Before coming to Congress, I served for 26½ years in the Border Patrol, and I will always remain a part of that special family. I know first-hand the challenges and dangers that the agents face each day, and as a Member of Congress, I remain committed to ensuring that they have the resources and support that they need. My thoughts and prayers are with Agent Rosas' family—his wife Rosalie and his two children, Robert and Kayla Alisa. During this extremely difficult time, it is my hope that the family will find some comfort in knowing that Agent Rosas served his country with distinction and that he will be remembered in the hearts of the American people.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH J. INFANTE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening in recognition of Mr. Ralph J. Infante of Niles, Ohio. Mr. Infante passed away May 26, 2009. Mr. Infante was a lifelong resident of the Mahoning Valley. He leaves his wife, Angeline Ragozine Infante, whom he was married to for 60 years. He also leaves 4 sons, 2 daughters, a sister, 2 brothers, 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many friends from around the valley.

Mr. Infante worked for many years in the Mahoning Valley. He graduated from Niles McKinley High School in 1947 after serving in World War II. Mr. Infante was a Veteran of the United States Navy, who served in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Naval Service of the United States of America on the 29th day of April, 1946 at the U.S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He served with honor and distinction during his time of service in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Infante was employed as a die setter at Faull and Son Tool and Die Co. for 26 years. He was also employed for the City of Niles as a Municipal Court Bailiff and worked for the waste water treatment plant for 15 years, retiring in 1990. He was also very active in local politics, serving as Niles 3rd Ward Councilman for 5 years.

Mr. Infante was truly a great part of the community. He was an honorary lifetime member of the Niles Men's Democratic Club and the Italian Fraternal Home of Girard. He was a charter member of the Italian American War Veterans Post 39 in Girard and The Bagnoli Iripino Club, as well as a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Niles.

Mr. Infante was an avid Cleveland Browns fan and enthusiast of The Ohio State University. Although his beloved wife, Angeline, was a Cleveland Indians fan his beloved team was the New York Yankees. His six children would be split down the middle (3 New York Yankee